GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

HM&FW – Free diagnostic services in public health facilities under National Health Mission – Committee Constituted – Recommendations of the Committee – Accepted - Orders – Issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE (E2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 633 Dated:14.10.2015.

Read the following :-

1. G.O.Rt.No.606, H.M. & F.W. (E2) Department, dt.28.09.2015
2. Minutes of Meeting on Free Essential Diagnostics initiate for the State of A.P. on 03.10.2015.
3. From the D.P.H. & F.W., A.P., Hyd Lr. Rc.No.387/Plg.A/2015, dt.07.10.2015

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ORDER:-

In the Government Order 1st read above, Government had constituted a Committee to validate the data of available manpower and diognostic facilities in all health facilities upto district level, workout the modalities for provision of free diagonstic services in PPP mode and prepare the draft expression of interest for consideration of the Government.

2. The Committee had met on 03.10.2015 and highlighting the fact that provision of Free Essential Diagnostics is an essential and core component of public health services. The National Health Mission has issued elaborate guidelines including model tender documents for appropriate public private partnerships, and list of tests that are considered to be essential at various levels of public health facilities (Sub-centers, PHCs, CHCs, AHs, DHs). There are three major clusters of facilities – a) Where there exists trained HR for performing the tests but no equipment b) Where there exists equipment but no HR; and c) Where neither HR nor equipment exists to carry out essential tests.

3. The committee examined the list of tests prescribed under NHM., guidelines and assessed the availability of these tests in Public Health Facilities based on data available with the state in terms of HR, Equipment, capacities and limitations in the facilities. A gap analysis of tests was done by the committee for Sub-centers, PHCs, CHCs, AHs, DHs. The positive list tests which are currently being provided were listed and the negative list of tests which should be provided but requires Private Partnerships for complimenting the services were identified. This was done to preserve existing capacities in public health facilities and reduce the cost of partnership engagements. The list of tests recommended by the committee at various levels is attached as Annexure-1 (a,b,c).

4. The Committee has made the following recommendations:-

(i) Scope of Services of tendering for Clinical Laboratory Services:

a. Outsourcing of 8 specific clinical laboratory tests (as per Annexure-1-a) in all 1156 PHCs including 24X7 PHCs.
b. Outsourcing of 23 specific clinical laboratory tests (as per Annexure-1-b) in all 192 CHCs.
c. Outsourcing of 42 specific clinical laboratory tests (as per Axxexure-1-c) in all 31 AHs & DHs.
d. Insourcing of 72 laboratory technicians at those PHCs & CHCs only where is no technician currently.

(ii) Scope of Services for tendering for Tele-Radiology Services:

X-ray is available at 113 CHCs, 31 AHs and 8 DHs. To compliment the services by providing qualified radiologists, Tele-radiology services shall be implemented in all facilities above, thus making AP a state with state-wide tele-radiology presence. The service provider shall provide for the following;

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a. Low cost image digitization, transmission, and reporting by Radiology centers for all X-rays from 113 CHCs, 31 AHs and 8 DHs.
b. In-sourcing of 18 Radiographers in CHCs where there does not exists any radiographers.

(iii) Scope of Services for tendering for Ultra-sonography Services:

Service Provider shall be engaged for the following:

a. Provision of trained medical officers, transmission and reporting of USG based on model and tendering process already being followed in Tamil Nadu. The state would ensure provision of USG machines in all 192 CHCs, 31 AHs and 8 DHs prior to commencement of this contract.

(iv) Scope of Services for tendering for CT Scan Services:

NHM guidelines emphasis on provision of CT Scan services at district level. Fortunately AP., has CT scan services in 9 hospitals but does not have it in 4 other Hospitals that have been designated at DHs. In case of high investment services such as CT Scan, it is desired that states undertakes appropriate PPP engagement where Government provides for space in DHs and service provider provides CT services on user fee basis to all patients referred by DHs. The user fee shall be paid by the Govt., to the service provider. It was recommended that for 4 Hospitals designated as DH, CT Scan services engagement shall be made under PPP Mode. Since most CT Scan machines existing in DHs are more than 7-10 years old, after phasing out of these machines, more hospitals shall be added to the list of existing 4 Hospitals as and when need arises.

(v) Time lines for the activity:

The committee suggested the following time lines:

Approval and issue of RFP for services by 10th October, 2015
Bidding process including pre-bid meeting and Bid Evaluation – 6th Nov, 2015
Award of contracts – 30th Nov 2015
Commencement of Services – 1st January 2016

5. Government after careful examination of the matter in detail hereby accept the recommendations of the Committee due to commitment of Govt., to provide Essential diagnostic services in public health facilities free of cost. The contractual engagement process in this regard will be administered by State Health Society strictly as per rules and National Health Mission guidelines.

6. The Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare, A.P, Hyderabad shall take further action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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